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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF KENSINGTON,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending Schoool Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1871.

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REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR 1870.

Received of Selectmen for 1870,	$505 74
" " Amos T. Rowe, Collector for 1870,	5200 00
" " George W. Walton, Collector for 1869,	213 52
" " Joseph N. Austin, 1868,	17 75
" " State Treasurer, Railroad dividend,	30 34
" " " " Savings Bank tax,	71 55
" " " " Literary Fund,	32 48
" Money hired for the use of town,	3363 00
" of County for support of transient persons,	18 00
" " sale of property of Z. Roberts,	33 80
" " use of Town Hall,	1 00
" " James Johnson, house rent,	30 00
" " Selectmen, due bill of J. S. Eaton,	18 69
	$9535 87

EXPENDITURES FOR 1870.

Paid State tax,	1260 00
County tax,	914 15
Support of Schools,	672 98
" " Poor,	522 70
" " Highways and Bridges,	67 22
Notes and Interest,	4,790 90
Contingent expenses,	283 42
Abatements,	52 02
Making snow paths,	119 44
Selectmen's bills,	111 75
Expenses of lawsuit,	353 73
	$9148 01

TOWN DEBT.

Principal,	$24,757 10
Interest to March 1, 1871,	716 97
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	387 86
Remaining in hands of Collector, 1870,	606 13
" " " 1869,	25 52
" " " 1868,	10 03
" " " 1867,	28 63

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Thomas C. Shaw, Prudential Committee, District No. 1,	348 56
Joseph U. Brown, Committee, District No. 2,	310 42
E. D. Eldridge, Superintending School Committee,	14 00
	$672 98

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Richard Hull, boarding Stephen O. Hull 1 year to March 20, '71,	$144 00
James S. Austin, boarding Gardner Green to Oct. 5, 1870, and nursing the same during sickness,	133 50
Samuel Austin, boarding Gardner Green from Oct. 5, 1870 to March 15, 1871,	58 00
John A. Douglas, M. D., medical attendance on G. Green,	41 00
Edward Fellows, watching,	9 00
J. N. Austin, "	8 00
B. F. Austin, "	1 00
S. C. Sawyer, "	1 00
Charles Lovering, "	1 00
Geo. M. Gove, "	1 00
D. E. Palmer, "	2 00
John A. Douglas, medical attendance on S. O. Hull in 1869,	48 50
S. Perham, M. D., advice in case of S. O. Hull,	1 50
Clothing for S. O. Hull,	19 20
Henry Dearborn, M. D., medical attendance on Hilton,	12 00
Jane Webster, boarding Thomas H. Carlton for 10 weeks,	15 00
H. D. Peacock, boarding and lodging transient persons,	18 00
Henry T. Blake, digging grave for Jesse Roberts,	2 00
T. K. Mace, to South Hampton in case of S. O. Hull,	1 00
D. E. Palmer, to South Hampton and Exeter,	6 00
	$522 70

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. H. Huse & Co., printing Town Report for 1869,	$22 25
H. D. Peacock, washing Town House	2 00
Geo. E. Lane, blanks, blank books, stationery and stamps,	19 81
Town Clerk of Newton, examining records,	25
Ira Blake, surveying land,	7 00
Edward Fellows, assistance in surveying,	1 00
J. N. Austin, " "	1 50
D. E. Palmer, " "	3 00
T. K. Mace, " "	3 00
B. F. Austin, services as Town Clerk,	24 35
Insurance of house of G. Green,	1 68
Alvah Wood, advice in 1868,	6 00
C. L. and J. Allen, well rope,	1 50
Frank Hilliard, 4 panes of glass and setting same,	90
D. E. Palmer, 1-2 cord pine wood for the town,	2 50
Joshua Getchell, sealing town weights and measures,	2 45
Joseph Poor, getting weights and measures proved,	1 50
John French, maintaining a public watering place in highway,	2 00
Eugene Carter, sawing wood,	60
A. G. M. Titcomb, damage done by dogs,	5 00
W. S. Hobbs, " " "	6 00
Edwin A. Stevens,	4 50
F. L. Blake,	6 00
T. K. Mace, services at sale of Roberts' goods,	1 50
S. Green, services as Moderator,	2 00
A. T. Rowe, collecting taxes 1870,	52 00
G. W. Walton, " " 1869,	2 13
N. Boyd, for 6500 shingles,	36 94
C. L. & J. Allen, nails,	3 16
Joseph Tilton, shingling Town House,	10 00
T. K. Mace, drawing shingles,	2 50
W. H. Belknap, copy of deed and examining records,	1 60
A. T. Rowe, labor repairing burying ground fence,	1 50
D. E. Palmer, " " " " "	1 00
T. K. Mace, " " " " "	1 00
Joseph Poor, services as auctioneer,	3 00
Copying town accounts,	3 00
Auditors,	3 00
Abel Brown and others, their non-resident highway taxes,	29 30
	$283 42

SNOW BILLS.

Paid H. S. Blake, in March, 1870,	$2 90
Wm. A. Moore, " "	10 37
T. H. Kimball, " "	3 25
Benj. Moulton, " "	3 00
S. M. Kimball, " "	21 90
D. C. Smith, " "	3 45
David Webster, " "	7 05
J. N. Austin, " "	9 92
B. G. Moulton, " "	5 00
J. C. Blodgett, " "	5 45
John W. Gove, " "	6 00
Oliver Clifford, " "	90
A. G. M. Titcomb, " "	5 25
C. C. Dow, " "	15 00
T. K. Mace, " "	3 75
B. F. Lovering, " "	4 80
S. B. Austin, " "	2 25
War'n P Lamprey, " "	9 20
	$119 44

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John A. Blake, labor on bridge,	$32 00
S. B. Austin, " "	5 50
S. P. Tilton, " "	2 00
A. G. M. Titcomb, " "	1 00
W. N. Shaw, " "	7 98
S. Green, " "	1 50
David C. Smith, labor and lumber,	9 24
T. H. Kimball, plough damaged on highway,	4 00
C. E. Tuck, " " "	2 00
T. K. Mace, labor on highway,	2 00
	$67 22

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Sally Currier, note and interest,	$321 00
James H. Rundlett, note and interest,	831 57
Betsey Kimball, " "	304 50
John P. M. Green, " "	429 30

William Walton, note and interest,	318 00
Elizabeth Hilliard, " "	1090 00
H. P. Batchelder, interest,	99 00
Heirs of John Kimball, interest,	130 00
Moses G. Wilson, "	105 00
Eliza S. Currier, "	9 10
Levi T. Currier, "	14 00
Wm. H. Currier, "	64 75
Michael Gove, "	14 00
Daniel Merrill, "	42 00
Sarah E. Leavitt, "	235 99
C. P. Stevens, "	13 00
Richard Fitts, "	14 16
Edmund Morrill, "	119 93
Thomas Flanders, "	24 00
A. J. Towle, "	60 00
Oliver Smith, "	116 80
S. D. Lane, "	30 00
Mary A. Morrill, "	14 00
Jeremiah Tilton, "	84 10
Stephen Green, "	19 08
Betsey Blake, "	12 00
Catharine Cummings, "	70 00
Sally Eastman, "	12 00
Joseph N. Healey, "	193 32
	$4790 60

EXPENSES IN SUIT OF KENSINGTON vs NEWTON.

Paid Wm. B. Small, counsel,	60 65
Joseph F. Wiggins, "	41 00
Wm. W. Stickney, costs of court,	66 00
Witness fees and travel at the April term,	33 53
For summoning the same,	6 83
Witness fees and travel at October term,	62 47
For summoning the same.	9 75
Amos T. Rowe, time and team to Exeter,	12 00
" " time and expense to Portsmouth,	15 00
" " time and team to Newton,	5 00
D. E. Palmer, time and team to Exeter.	10 50
" " " " " Newton,	6 00
" " " " " Newmarket,	3 00
" " " " " East Kingston,	1 50

T. K. Mace, to Exeter and East Kingston,	2 50
" " to Portsmouth and Newton,	6 00
D. E. Palmer, car fare and expenses in case of Carlton,	12 00
	$353 73

ABATEMENTS, 1870.

Paid Nancy Bachelder, not taxable,	2 04
John H. Shaw. poll,	3 06
George W. Walton, dog tax,	1 00
Stephen R. Brown. poll,	3 00
Parker M. Badger, dog tax,	1 00
William Hilton, poll,	3 00
Paul M. Ordway, poll,	3 00
Wm. R. Page, poll,	3 00
George W. Rowe, poll,	3 00
" " dog,	2 00
William Walton, dog,	1 00
Sarah Weare, dog,	1 00
Gardner Towle, overrated and abated,	3 15
George Osgood, " " "	1 00
True M. Prescott, " " "	1 00
James W. W. Brown, " "	1 50
Thomas Flanders, two cows died,	1 20
Mark Wadleigh, one " "	60
" " dog,	1 00
Orin A. Piper, dog,	1 00
Nancy Bachelder, not taxable, 1869,	1 77
Heirs of Jeremiah Dearborn, "	59
John H. Shaw, poll,	2 63
Wm. Hilton, poll,	2 63
Albert S. Stevens, poll.	2 63
Albert Young, poll,	2 63
Moses F. Dow, poll, 1868,	2 59
	$52 02

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Paid for ordinary Services,	27 00
For taking inventory,	27 00
Overseers of the Poor,	9 00
Enrolling soldiers,	1 00
Making taxes and recording inventory,	10 00
Daniel E. Palmer, as Treasurer,	25 00
A. T. Rowe, expense to Concord to settle with treasurer,	4 50
D. E. Palmer, expenses to Portsmouth,	2 25
" " time to pay notes and interest,	6 00
	$111 75

DANIEL E. PALMER,
AMOS T. ROWE,
THEODORE K. MACE, } Selectmen of Kensington,

Having axamined the foregolng accounts. we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN T. BLAKE,
A. G. M. TITCOMB, } Auditors.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

State tax,	1,260 00
County tax,	1,017 40
Support of Schools,	735 00
Support of Poor,	400 00
Contingencies,	500 00
Interest on debt,	1,600 00
Highwas and Bridges,	500 00
	$6,012 40

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1871.

To the Selectmen.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee has endeavored to do his duty by visiting the schools at the opening and close of each term, examining teachers, furnishing school registers, &c., and now reports.

DISTRICT No. 1,

THOMAS SHAW, Prudential Committee.

TEACHER—Summer and Winter, Miss Laura J. Smith.

Length of Summer Term, 16 weeks. Wages, $36 per month. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average, 50. Number over 4 years of age not attending, 3. Scholars not absent any half day, 22. Register neatly kept and correctly filled out.

WINTER TERM. Length, 14 weeks. Wages, $36 per month. Whole number, 55. Average, 46. Number over 4 years not attending, 3. Scholars not absent any half day, 16. Register seasonably returned and in proper order.

It is a significant fact that of the 52 scholars during the summer, the *average* was 50; and that 22 in Summer and 16 in Winter were not absent any half day. Eleven were not absent any half day during the entire year, namely :—Clara L. Rowe, Lizzie E. Tuck, Walter G. Hodgdon, George H. Walton, Samuel Walton,

Arthur R. Prescott, Willard S. Poor, Frank H. Poor, Alva Brewer, Henry S. Rowe, and Leverett Fellows.

Miss Smith, as a teacher, needs no commendation. Her schoot " told its own story." Order, promptness, punctuality, progress, and gentlemanly and ladylike conduct in the pupils, were at all times observable. The exhibition given by her of her school at the close, at the Town Hall, was in keeping with the school, and rendered the whole a complete success.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JOSEPH W. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

TEACHER—Summer and Winter—Miss Almira J. Eaton.

Summer Term. Length of Term, 20 weeks. Wages, $32 per month. Whole number, 43. Average, 37. Number over 4 years not attending, .— Register neatly kept.

Winter Term. Length of school, 15 weeks. Wages, $34 per month. Whole number, 54. Average, 38. Number over four years not attending, 5. Register neatly kept and returned in season. Three scholars, viz: Wesley L. Sawyer, Ida M. Sawyer, and S. Agnes Badger were not absent any half day during the entire year. During the first session of the Summer term fifteen were present every day.

Miss Eaton is deserving much credit for her earnest and persevering efforts to keep a good school. Some well-meant but inappropriate advice, at the commencement of the school, in regard to government, led her to substitute moral suasion for a more stringent discipline. She soon became convinced of her mistake ; but it was too late to prevent bad consequences. Outside and inside the school-house and outbuildings, at times bore witness to the great " skill and ingenuity " of the scholars. Where rudeness and insubordination take the place of order, there is little margin left for improvement. The success of Miss E. in other schools leads us to hope that she will not hereafter allow any interferance in her management, unless it be from the proper authorities. At the examination the younger scholars appeared well, and there was evidence of good progress. Several of the young ladies, also, acquitted themselves well. But of the young gentlemen, several were absent, and those that were present were backward in their studies, and anything but *gentlemanly* in conduct. Would it not be well to have on able male teacher for this school in winter ?

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the selection of teachers Committees cannot use too m uch care to scure those who are every way competent to their work. If side issues and consider-

ations exist, they should be laid aside, and the only question be, who will teach the best school? It is sometimes said, when the school has been a failure, that the money might as well been thrown into the sea. But this does not express the *actual* loss. The loss to the man who has a son or daughter about to finish their school education, is more than *all* that is paid for the school. The boy or girl will feel that loss through life. Multiply this by the whole school and the loss is thousands instead of hundreds.

Would it not be well, as a rule, for those who employ teachers for the winter school, to employ male teachers. There are exceptional cases, we are happy to say; we consider the North school, the past winter, one of these exceptions. We should be glad to see Miss Smith in our school-rooms summer and winter. But this cannot be predicated of a teacher before trial. Winter schools are supposed to have some large boys, the management of whom requires a pretty good share of firmness and decision. Before a female teacher is engaged for the winter school, the District ought to know whether she has backbone enough to be "master."

While we bow with submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who has seen fit to remove by sudden death a former teacher, beloved and respected, we gratefully acknowledge His goodness in the general health of teachers and pupils the past scholastic year.

ERASMUS D. ELDREDGE,

Superintending School Committee.

Kensington, March 1, 1871.